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Upcoming State

Holiday's

January 20, 2003

February 17, 2003

April 28, 2003

The Board Office will be closed on these days.

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View From The Chair

Guess What? We don't have a Chair at this time. Cindi Sherrill's term expired December 2002. Since the next scheduled Board meeting is not until January 24th, 2003 a chairperson cannot be elected to replace her until then.

Therefore I have the opportunity to get on my soapbox and make a few comments.

Continuing Education is not a new idea; there have been no changes in the Code or Law since I started to work for the ABSWE in September

1999. The Adm. Code has been the same since 1998, and although the Board has been working on altering the Code to match the Law, at no time have they considered increasing or decreasing the number of hours required to renew your license. This is why I can't understand the reason I keep getting the question "When was the number of hours increased and why wasn't I made aware of it before it was time for my renewal?" The number of hours has remained the same. You need 30 hours

of CE to renew your license. Of the 30, 20 may be from home study (approved programs) and 10 must come from a classroom environment. With all the changes taking place, in the social work field continuing education helps keep you abreast of the current trends and availability of services.

Now, with that out of the way, may I say I hope each of you has a very Happy and Safe New Year. May this New Year bring joy and peace to all.

Welcome Your New Board Members

As you probably already know, there were three new Board Members selected January 3, 2003.

The new Board Members are Mr. Jason Cowart, LGSW of District 4, Ms. Ann-Marie Jones, LGSW of District 5, and Ms. Diana McCampbell, LCSW of District 7. We'll have more information on them in a later newsletter to properly introduce them. As you can see no selection was made for District 3. To date we still have an opening for District 3 but the person to

fill this position must be a LBSW. No nominations were made for a LBSW so one position was held over for yet another nomination process.

If you, or someone you know, is a LBSW living in District 3 and is interested in becoming a Board Member serving your profession, please send or have letters sent for recommendations to the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners. Nomination letters will be accepted until March 10th. District 3 consists of Calhoun, Chambers,

Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Macon, Randolph, Russell, St Clair, Talladega, Tallapoosa, and part of Bibb Counties.

The person voting must be from District 3 and hold a valid social work license.

Form letters are acceptable but a place should be on the letter to include the person's name, license number, and return mailing address. These recommendations should be sent to the Board's address.



Up Coming Events

Alabama Conference of Social Work

Sea of Change: Advocating for Alabama Citizens

Gulf Shores Alabama. Mark your Calendars for April 9-11, 2003. A wide variety of workshops will be available. The confirmed Keynote Speaker will be Sandy Queen and the closing Keynote Speaker will be Jenny Nolen. Tentative topics include: child

sexual abuse, immigrant populations, advocacy for the social work profession, stress management, aging, public child welfare, mediation, children's health & mental health. Approximately 13 contact hours will be available. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact ACSW office on Tuesdays or Thursdays at: 334/281-4900 or you may e-mail them at: alcsw@earthlink.net

The University of Alabama School of Social Work MSW Program – Mobile

Do you have a BSW from a C.S.W.E. – accredited program?

Advanced Standing Classes will begin Mid-May, 2003 in Mobile. (Pending enough students enroll) For Application Packet Call: 251/450-1809 (Mobile) M. L. Lewis Or 205/348-6791 (Tuscaloosa) M. Miller

"Below from left to right. Becky Rigsby of District 4, Cindi Sherrill of District 5, and Faye Nelson of District 7."



Gone but Not Forgotten

Yet again we have had to say good-bye to a hard working dedicated group of professional social workers. The Board has been fortunate to have Becky, Cindi, Faye, and Rosemary (not pictured) serving on the Board over these past six years. Their presence and leadership will be missed.

They leave the new Board Members with hours of groundwork completed, in redefining and developing

a clearer and more accurate Administrative Code. Many thanks go to them for their unselfish and nonbiased dedication to the public, which they served so well. Their professionalism and unquestionable talents will be missed. I know without a doubt, that should we ever need their assistance, we can count on them to gladly come to our aid. That's a true professional!

New Licensees

New LBSW's

| | | | |
|-------|----------------------|-----|--------------|
| 3661B | CUNNINGHAM, MARGARET | OCT | JACKSONVILLE |
| 3662B | SUMMERS, TONYA L. | OCT | LUCEDALE |
| 3663B | BLAKE, MAY D. | OCT | BIRMINGHAM |
| 3664B | BLALOCK, JANAN L. | OCT | CULLMAN |
| 3665B | DERRICK, ROBIN G. | OCT | MADISON |
| 3666B | ELDRIDGE, LESLIE P. | OCT | MOBILE |
| 3667B | MILLER, KAREN | OCT | OPELIKA |
| 3668B | COOK, TAMEEKA F. | NOV | BIRMINGHAM |
| 3669B | GREGG, ELLEN R. | NOV | ATHENS |
| 3670B | JOHNSON, TWANNA V. | NOV | ENTERPRISE |
| 3671B | OLSON, BOBBI A. W. | NOV | GLENCOE |
| 3672B | RODRIGUEZ, SHARIA L. | NOV | MONTGOMERY |
| 3673B | SANDERS, KELLY D. | NOV | DOTHAN |

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|-------|-----------------------|-----|-------------|
| 3674B | BRUCE, TERRIE L. | NOV | BOAZ |
| 3675B | DARNELL, ELIZABETH W. | NOV | HILLSBORO |
| 3676B | DURANSO, ANNETTE | NOV | MOBILE |
| 3677B | MOUDY, ROBYN M. | NOV | LUBBOCK |
| 3678B | CARLISLE, KARA M. | NOV | DOTHAN |
| 3679B | FIELDS, KRISTI | NOV | HALEYVILLE |
| 3680B | JOHNS, DEANNA A. | NOV | BOAZ |
| 3681B | MAXWELL, THERESA | NOV | PRATTVILLE |
| 3682B | BARNETT, CARRIE R. | DEC | ROBERTSDALE |
| 3683B | COLVIN, STEPHANIE J. | DEC | PRATTVILLE |
| 3684B | DOPSON, TARA L. | DEC | FULTONDALE |
| 3685B | GARNER, CHRISTY L. | DEC | FLORENCE |
| 3686B | JUSTICE, LYNN M | DEC | GREENSBORO |

New Licensee's Continued

New LBSW's Cont.

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|-------|-----------------------|-----|---------------|
| 3687B | PICKETT, RACHEL | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 3688B | PUCKETT, BETSY M. | DEC | MUSCLE SHOALS |
| 3689B | WALTZ, PENNI D. | DEC | JACKSONVILLE |
| 3690B | WEBBER, DAWN D. | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 3691B | STACK, KATY | DEC | MONTGOMERY |
| 3692B | WILSON, ASHLEE S. | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 3693B | PETERSON, BRANDI L. | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 3694B | WOOD, DONNA L. | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 3695B | BARNES, SHEMECA R. | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 3696B | DIAMOND, KYLIE | DEC | DOTHAN |
| 3697B | STARLING, SHERRY W. | DEC | TROY |
| 3698B | BILLINGSLEY, CHRISTEE | JAN | SPANISH FORT |
| 3699B | HAVENS, LORIE A. | JAN | BIRMINGHAM |
| 3700B | OLMSTEAD, RONA M. | JAN | TROY |

New LGSW's

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|-------|---------------------------|-----|----------------|
| 1650G | GARDNER, CLARA F. | OCT | DALEVILLE |
| 1651G | PETAGREW, GEORGE E. | OCT | TUSCALOOSA |
| 1652G | TAYLOR, VICKI L. | OCT | CHATTANOOGA |
| 1653G | COOKE, KIMBERLY N. | OCT | PLEASANT GROVE |
| 1654G | JOHNSON, LAVONDA | OCT | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1655G | McCARTHY, JENNY | OCT | HUNTSVILLE |
| 1656G | DANIELS, DEAN A. | NOV | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1657G | HUNT, AMANDA .C | NOV | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1658G | LYLES-TALLEY, JENNIFER | NOV | MADISON |
| 1659G | MCCLURG, BARBARA | NOV | PHENIX CITY |
| 1660G | ROWLAND, LAURA L. | NOV | FLOMATON |
| 1661G | MCGOWAN, CELIA M. | NOV | MOBILE |
| 1662G | MORGAN, JULIE | NOV | SLOCOMB |
| 1663G | HALL, GEOFFREY W. | NOV | MADISON |
| 1664G | LONG, JAMES S. | NOV | HUNTSVILLE |
| 1665G | ALLEN, MARGARET V. | NOV | FAIRHOPE |
| 1666G | BRANNON, KELLI N. | NOV | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1667G | WALKER, LISA S. | NOV | ORGANGE BEACH |
| 1668G | CLAYBORN, ESOPHIA H. | NOV | HUNTSVILLE |
| 1669G | GILLOCK, DAVID N. | NOV | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1670G | WILLIAMS, SANDRA M. | NOV | CENTREVILLE |
| 1671G | ADAIR, TONY R. | NOV | DAPHNE |
| 1672G | GARVIN, JILL | DEC | HUNTSVILLE |
| 1673G | GRAY-MCDONALD, JACQUELINE | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1674G | OBERT, STACEY A. | DEC | MOBILE |
| 1675G | THOMAS, JENNIFER T. | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1676G | TOWLER, MELISSA L. | DEC | TUSCALOOSA |
| 1677G | GILL, KELLY D. | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1678G | LANG, HEATHER | DEC | HUNTSVILLE |
| 1679G | PERRY, ARMON | DEC | MONTGOMERY |
| 1680G | REESE, ASHONDA L. | DEC | HUNTSVILLE |
| 1681G | WARD, REVA N. | DEC | STOCKTON |
| 1682G | LANDRUM, SUSAN R. | DEC | DAPHNE |
| 1683G | COLLINS, SCHWANNA L. | DEC | MONTGOMERY |
| 1684G | LONG-HARBISON, JENIFER | DEC | MADISON |
| 1685G | JAMES, ELLEN P. | DEC | MOBILE |
| 1686G | PHILLIPS, R. MICHELLE | DEC | MOBILE |
| 1687G | BENNETT, KAREN S. | JAN | BIRMINGHAM |

LGSW's Cont.

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|-------|----------------------|-----|------------|
| 1688G | CARLOCK, ASHLEY M. | JAN | MOBILE |
| 1689G | HAYNES, ELIZABETH C. | JAN | HELENA |
| 1690G | MCFARLEY, LATASHA R. | JAN | TUSCALOOSA |
| 1691G | SAMUEL, FELICIA | JAN | TUSCALOOSA |
| 1692G | SPEARS, YOULITE A. | JAN | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1693G | STUTZMAN, SARA B. | JAN | BRUNDIDGE |
| 1694G | WELCH, KRISTY M. | JAN | DAPHNE |

New LCSW's

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|-------|-----------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1735C | ELMORE, JAMES H. | OCT | FAYETTEVILLE |
| 1736C | McCLESKY, HOLLY .J | OCT | CITRONELLE |
| 1737C | TAYLOR, KATHRYN E. | OCT | PHENIX CITY |
| 1738C | OSKARSSON, LESLIE B. | OCT | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1739C | PAULK, MARY L. | OCT | DOTHAN |
| 1740C | POOLE, JOHN H. | OCT | HATTIESBURG |
| 1741C | DAVIS-MAYE, DENISE | NOV | HAYNEVILLE |
| 1742C | CHAMBLEE, GLORIA N. | NOV | ALBERTVILLE |
| 1743C | MCCORMICK, JOY DENISE | NOV | NEW BROCKTON |
| 1744C | ROBINSON, KASHERA G. | NOV | NORCROSS |
| 1745C | SULZMANN, JOAN R. | NOV | DAPHNE |
| 1746C | SALZMAN, LAURA L. | NOV | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1747C | MCINTURFF, BRONWYN A. | NOV | BIRMINGHAM |
| 1748C | STEPLIGHT, CLARISSA | NOV | MONTGOMERY |
| 1749C | ALLEN, BRENDA P. | NOV | MONTGOMERY |
| 1750C | WHITTINGTON, TINA J. | DEC | GADSDEN |
| 1751C | COLLIER, SARAH R. | DEC | CULLMAN |

New PIP's

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|------------|---------------------|-----|------------|
| 0615-1700C | BLANTON, NANCY J. | OCT | BIRMINGHAM |
| 0616-0574C | BRISCOE, JEANNETTE | OCT | BIRMINGHAM |
| 0617-1736C | MCCLESKY, HOLLY JO | OCT | CITRONELLE |
| 0618-1524C | CADDELL, BARBARA H. | DEC | MOBILE |
| 0619-1660C | FREEMAN, PAULA | DEC | HUNTSVILLE |
| 0620-1650C | HIGGINS, SARAH ANN | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |
| 0621-1465C | JENKINS, CATHY A. | DEC | BIRMINGHAM |

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NOTICE REPEAT

CERTIFIED CHECK ONLY Please!

For those who read the last newsletter – **Bravo!**

Notice from the last newsletter told you that we could no longer accept any other form of payment to the Board except for **Certified Checks** beginning January 1,

2003. This is due to a small technicality in our Social Work Law 34-30-23, which states all fees must be in the form of a Certified Check. That makes it pretty clear, no other forms of payment can be accepted. So with all renewals and applications please remember to send a

certified check. Certified checks must be obtained from a Bank or Financial Institution. I realize this will be a hardship on many of you but until the Legislature changes our Social Work Law, we don't have much of a choice since this was brought to our attention.

*"we could no longer accept any other form of payment to the Board except for a **Certified Check**."*

More Repeats!

At the same time that the certified check issue was brought to our attention, so was the fact that we did not have the authority to request letters of recommendation for applicants. I realize that many of the applicants just coming out of school will not be aware of this

change since the schools are telling them the process to become licensed. So this notice is really for those that write the letters. Please inform the applicant that letters are not required. The only thing that is required as of January 1, 2003 is the Application for Social

Work Licensure completed and notarized, along with the **certified check**, and the transcripts sent directly from their educational institution.

This should alleviate some of the snags that hold up the processing of applications.

Did you know?

Did you know that your licensing information is on our web site? That if you wanted to check your renewal information you could go there and see the latest we have as far as the issuance dates and renewal dates for your social work license? Also listed are your licensing levels, licensing numbers and the counties we show for your mailing addresses. Check it out sometime, or better

yet look at it to be sure we know where you are! With address changes coming in every day, we may have failed to update your county, so check it out to correct us! As we all know computers don't make errors but the people putting the information in are human.

Also on the web site are the renewal forms, applications, Administrative Code and

Social Work Laws. We have tried to put everything out there that we are being asked to mail out continuously for your convenience and ours!

The web address is www.abswe.state.al.us To see your information as a licensee go to "License Search" on the left. Type in your last name. When you see your name click on your name and the information will come up.

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Child Welfare Social Workers Needed

The Alabama Department of Human Resources seeks social workers eager to join a dynamic partnership committed to improving the lives of children in Alabama. Applicants must have either a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Social Work from a school or university accredited through CSWE. Positions available throughout

Alabama. Competitive salary, paid holidays, excellent state benefits and retirement plan.
E-mail: recruitment@dhr.state.al.us
call (334) 242-9275, or write: Child Welfare Staff Recruitment, Field Operations, 50 Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130.



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Frequently Asked Questions

In the last Newsletter the Question was asked:

Q. I am a LCSW with a PIP certification specializing in the method of clinical social work. Can I conduct home studies with this method?

The answer given was:

A. No. In order to conduct home studies you would need to be certified in social casework.

A few people questioned this answer and called the Board Members for clarity, and they asked that I repeat this question with more explanation. First let me clarify we were speaking of "Home Studies" for the purpose of adoption. So I did some homework and went straight to the source for the information. From

Alabama's Administrative Code I found the following: Section 26-10A-19 Investigation.

(d)(1) A pre-placement investigation or a post-placement investigation must be performed by one of the following: *(skipping choice a-c going straight to d which is about the social worker)*

d. An individual appointed by the court who is a social worker licensed by the State Board of Social Work Examiners or a social worker II or above who is under the state merit system who is also certified by the State Board of Social Work Examiners for private independent practice in the social casework specialty, as provided for in Section 34-30-3. I hope this helps clarify the

responds.

Q. How often does the Board of Social Work Examiners meet and how can you find out when there is a meeting planned?

A. The Board of Social Work Examiners usually meets every month, they try to meet on the fourth Friday of each month. However, there are times that a meeting must be cancelled. If you look at the home page on the web site you should see the next scheduled meeting. The meeting information is also sent to the Montgomery Advertiser for public notice in the newspaper. But if none of these methods are convenient for you, you can always call the Board and ask.

"The Board of Social Work Examiners usually meets every month..."

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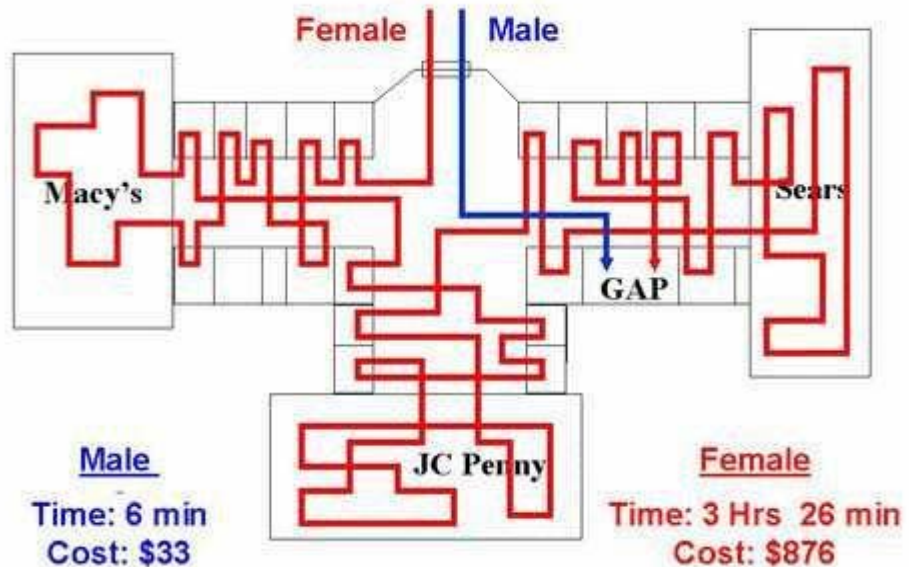
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I hope I'm not offending anyone, no offense meant. This was something sent to me that I thought was funny.

About the Board...

The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners is a regulatory organization comprised of licensed social work practitioners whose mission is:

- * To protect the public from incompetent, unethical and unlawful social work practice.
- * To enforce qualification standards for all levels of licensure and certification.

- * To delineate unlawful conduct through disciplinary procedures against practitioners who violate applicable laws or rules.

Thank You Faye Nelson!

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